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## **Vision 2020 Minutes 03/09/2005**

### **VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2005 MEETING**

**In attendance:** Jane Howard, Joey Glushko, Gene Benson, Barry Faulkner, Andrew Fischer, Elizabeth Karpati, Leslie Mayer, Sherry Miller, Angela Olszewski, Jeff Thielman, Patricia Watson.

The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted with one correction.

#### **Warrant articles:**

- Studying the Town's financial organization: The Finance Committee was skeptical about it but did not take a vote because it does not involve an appropriation.
- Spy Pond weed control: The Finance Committee voted in favor.

#### **Task group and committee reports:**

- Sustainable Arlington: The February 28 presentation to the Selectmen was well received. Selectman Greeley went on the Hull wind turbine tour and was enthusiastic and is now the official liaison to SA. The Selectmen want the Town Manager to work with the group. Selectman Lyons wants the PTBC to follow the bylaw on LEED certification in designing the last two schools.
- Spy Pond is preparing the annual fertilizer flyer for distribution around the end of March and is working on plans for a work weekend on May 14-15 to improve the footpath between Rt.2 and the pond; plans will be presented to the Selectmen on March 28.
- Reservoir: The contract for work on the dam has been awarded but the starting date is uncertain because of the weather. The contract requires water levels to be maintained as necessary for the swimming season. A Girl Scout troop wants to do an environmental project and may be available to help with a cleanup or with distributing the Spy Pond fertilizer flyer.
- Diversity: The library has a government grant for promoting readings on diversity. The task group is trying to involve other groups such as schools.
- Governance is working on plans for the warrant review on April 20, which will focus on selected articles.
- Fiscal Resources reported that the LWV will have a raffle at Candidates' Night on March 24 to raise funds for printing the voters' guide.
- The Insurance group plans a presentation to the Seniors Association and is working on its warrant article.

#### **Town Hall news:**

- Some voting locations have been consolidated; voters affected are being notified by postcards.
- Town Day will have commissions and committees in the Town Hall gardens (not too noisy) and vendors on the street.
- Symmes: the zoning is complicating financing and will need to be re-voted.

#### **Other matters:**

- Census survey: 1706 returns have been received to date. Data entry continues. A list of volunteers (nearly 180 to date) was distributed to the task group chairs present. Those who signed up for a specific task group (many didn't) should be invited to join it by e-mail with a follow-up phone call.
- "Activate Arlington" will hold a walk on April 9 from the Jefferson Cutter House to Bow St.
- A message board outside Town Hall to announce events (warrant review, etc.) would be desirable but would have to wait until after the April 2 Town election.
- The year-end event may be a guided tour of the Dallin Museum. Tentative date is June 23.